

## LOST HER LIFE OF HEROES.

Miss Reubena Hyde Walworth, "Saint and Heroine."

DIED OF TYPHOID FEVER.

Dainty and Delicate, She Enlisted in Her Country's Terrible Service.

HAD INHERITED PATRIOTISM.

After All the Soldiers in the Detention Hospital Had Been Cured, and Her Work Was Finished, She Fell Fatally Ill.

Miss Reubena Hyde Walworth died yesterday of typhoid fever. It was the contagion in the soldiers' hospital at Montauk Point, where she was a nurse. Every one who had it was cured under her care. The last, a surgeon, waved his cap at her, while she stood at the folded tents in the camp, undone. Her work was finished. It was a triumph. There was an immensity of gratitude to her.

The surgeon called to thank her again at her mother's home, on West Eighty-eighth street, yesterday. Mrs. Walworth, Director-General of the Woman's National War Relief Association's supplies, was waiting for the funeral escort from the Presbyterian Hospital. Her forehead, under white hair in curls, was serene, her eyes were admirably clear. In her was the bravery that made her daughter step out of a palace into an abyss where hydrae crowded.

The daughter had been pretty, dainty, delicate, with fair hair brushed back and dressed in a simple suit. She had no coquetry, needing none. She was so fastidious that her mother called her "My little Puritan." In Miss Hyde's school, where she was a teacher until the war with Spain began, the pupils thought of her as a model of distinctive grace. But when the war began she had to enlist in her country's service.

She Was Named For Heroes.

She was named Reubena for her grandfather, Reuben Walworth, last of New York's chancellors. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. Her grandfather, Hardin, a soldier, was killed at Buena Vista in one with Mexico. Her uncle, General Hardin, lost an arm in the civil war. Her cousin Hardin was Colonel of the Second New York Volunteers against Spain. She had to enlist. Her mother knew only how to paint and to write poems. They had been trained at Vassar and the Art Students' League to do delicate things; rhymes in vignettes, landscapes in water colors. She was the poet of the graduating class at Vassar three years ago. She was an editor of the year book there. She knew of life only the civilities. She went to Saratoga to take hurried lessons in water colors, and became assistant nurse at Porters Monroe. Assistant nurse, that is one who does all the work that is repugnant to a nurse. In that, Mrs. Walworth said, "Reubena had the simplicity of a saint and the effectiveness of a scrub."

Registrar of the Woman's National War Relief Association, she was the only member of it who became a nurse.

Knew Danger, but Would Not Avoid It.

At Montauk Point, where her duty brought her, she was the first woman who applied for work in the detention hospital. Her mother warned her of the danger of it, but the young woman knew what she was doing. Her vocation was to be there, and she went. The physician who had the duty of the hospital, united in a letter of praise to her. She never read it. They wrote it after her work was finished.

When her work was finished, she fell ill of the contagion at once. It had isolated her from all those who would have cheered her, and all her friends from the acquaintances who admired her. Her mother expected to take her to the country. She had to be taken to the Presbyterian Hospital. In her delirium there she talked of the beauty of the ocean.

She talked of nothing else. It had made a profound impression upon her at Montauk Point, and the memory remained in her mind when her faculty to remember flowers, poems, books, had gone. "Oh, how beautiful the waves are," was the persistent phrase of her random talk in her fever.

Was Her Mother's Chosen One.

Mrs. Walworth has other children, but they are not near her. Miss Reubena had been her companion. She was born in Kentucky during a sojourn of the family there, but she was brought up and educated in this State. Her history was entirely in the East. She had read all the books on New York that had ever come to her notice. Her erudition was amiable and it ornamented her conversation charmingly. In it there was not a suggestion of pedantry.

Mrs. Walworth organized the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was the head of the Woman's National War Relief Association. Her daughter had at her fingers' ends the chronicles of other women's societies in America, and one that the war with Spain produced had the merit of absolute femininity. She devoted her life to that profession, and her colleagues have expressed in heartfelt resolutions their appreciation for her. They called her "our saint and heroine."

Miss Reubena Hyde Walworth is to be buried at Saratoga on Sunday.

NEED INDICTMENT IN REQUISITION.

Magistrate Pool Says a Warrant Is Not Enough to Send Mrs. Hitchens to Kentucky.

Mrs. Lisbeth Hitchens, of Glens Falls, N. Y., who is wanted by the Kentucky police on a charge of stealing \$1,540 from Frank Hurdle, of Lexington, Ky., was arraigned in the Centre Street Court yesterday before Magistrate Pool. She was arrested last week on a warrant, and requisition papers had been presented to Magistrate Pool. She said that a warrant was not sufficient. He said that there ought to have been an indictment if the woman was believed to be guilty.

Mrs. Hitchens was represented by Lawyer Hal Bell, who said that his client did not wish to make any defense here, but was willing to go back to Kentucky and face her accusers. Magistrate Pool consented to another adjournment so that the requisition papers could be signed by the Governor. The Magistrate said that he would see that the Governor's attention was called to the fact that there had been no indictment accompanying the papers.

CHOSE PARK GLADE FOR HIS KILLING.

A man supposed to be R. O. Meier killed himself in Central Park on Monday night. The spot where he chose to end his life is the loneliest in the Park, and is called the Promontory. The police know it as "Cut Hill." It is opposite Sixth avenue, at the southern end of the lake.

Policeman Fitzgerald found the body lying under the same bushes early yesterday morning. The suicide had placed a revolver in his mouth, and he sent a bullet into his brain. Death was instantaneous. The body was taken to the Morgue.

## PAPA STOPS GIRLS AT BARGE OFFICE.

Says His Pretty Ethel and Jessie Are Incongruous.

THEY DO NOT LOOK IT.

Came Over on the Anchoria and Were Held Last Night at Ellis Island.

MAY BE SENT BACK TO-DAY.

The Girls Say Their Father is a Very Mean Man. Whom They Left to Escape His Unkindness.

Two as pretty girls as ever came over the ocean are detained on Ellis Island, pending an investigation as to why they should not be sent back to England, and opposite their names on the Barge Office record is:

"Incongruity."

The charge embraced in this comprehensive word was made against Ethel Crisp, aged sixteen, and Jessie Crisp, aged seventeen, by their father, James Crisp, of Pasadena, Cal.

When Deputy Commissioner McSweeney, having received his instructions from the father, boarded the steamship Anchoria yesterday morning he had no difficulty in recognizing among the second cabin passengers the vivacious Misses Crisp. He asked them:

"You young women are sisters, are you not?"

The deputy's badge took the edge of impertinence from the question, and they answered with quivering eyes:

"Yes, our names are Crisp."

"For whom I am looking," said the officer. "Your father has requested that you be held here and sent back to England." "Oh, how mean!" the sisters cried together, tears filling the eyes of Jessie, the younger.

Mr. McSweeney explained to the young persons that their father and mother had called last Tuesday at the Barge Office. Mr. Crisp had said that he expected his two daughters to arrive on an early ship.

"I myself," said the elder Crisp, "am on my way to my old home in Scotland, or I should meet the girls. I sail on Wednesday. I intended to catch them on the other side, but now we shall pass each other on the ocean. A year ago they ran away from my home at Pasadena, Cal., and went to England, where they have relatives. I can do nothing with them. They are utterly incongruous. I do not intend to have them tramped around America. I want them arrested."

It was suggested that perhaps the girls were old enough to escape parental dictation and might come with enough money to be immune from the pauper laws, but the father replied:

"You will find they will have hardly any money. And what is worse, the man consoling with a sorrowful air, 'Though very young, they are very bad girls. You don't want them in this country. Why, when they were much younger, I appealed to a society for the prevention of juvenile vice. Nothing came of it, however.'"

The younger, Jessie, is completely under the will of the elder, Ethel, who seems to exercise an almost hypnotic influence over her actions.

The young women bear no marks on their fresh faces of the imputation laid upon them. They have the robust and healthful look so common in English girls. Their very features are clear, dancing blue eyes, flashing hair, and a mouth that is full of life.

They were neatly dressed in sober garments. The elder girl wore a flannel of black and white, and the younger, a blue and white. They were both wearing the same style of dress, and the elder girl wore a hat of black and white.

"This is the meanest thing I ever heard of," said Ethel Crisp to a Journal man at the Barge Office yesterday. "I had to leave my father a year ago, because he was so unkind to me and my sister. We have five uncles and aunts living in Leamington. One of them sent us money with which to go to England."

"We have been going to school in Leamington. We thought we would come back to America and go to our parents again and see if we could not get along with them. We had heard from our relatives in Leamington that my father was coming to New York, and we hoped to meet him here. Now we are back. It's simply awful. He only wants to get even with us for leaving him. He has been living ten years in California entirely on my mother's income. He never worked. He is a mean man!"

"My father, I suppose, wanted us to be kept in that vile pen with those steerage passengers, but the authorities have been good enough to let us sit in the office."

"So he said that I hypnotize my sister, did he? Look at her. Don't you think she looks as if her will was stronger than mine?"

Jessie smiled her assent.

"What are we going to do? I don't know. I am sure I have sent a friend to see the Bishop of New York. I think he will help me. No one person? Well, I mean the Episcopal Bishop here. I do not remember his name."

The young women were at sea as to what they would do if they were allowed to leave the detention hospital.

A special board of inquiry decided to detain the Misses Crisp pending the result of the investigation. They will probably be taken to-day. They were taken to Ellis Island last night and given lodgings apart from the riff-raff from the steerage.

SAVATION ARMY COMMISSIONS FIFTY NEW OFFICERS.

Twelve "bombardments," assailing Satan's intrenchments on street corners and in saloons, marked the Salvation Army's installation of fifty officers last night. Ambassadors and "War Orators" were called, were promoted to be lieutenants and received their commissions from Commander Booth-Tucker, assisted by his wife, whose title is "Commodore."

The ceremony took place in the big hall of the headquarters building in West Fourteenth street, and nearly a thousand persons witnessed it. Three of the fifty cadets, who had signally distinguished themselves, were made captains. These were Miss Bonny, Miss Chadwick and George Dagler.

A grand rally will be held in Carnegie Hall on December 13.

## COLER TURNS CHAOS INTO ORDER.

Comptroller Certifies to Contracts That Had Been Hung Up.

BROOKLYN'S BIG MUDDLE.

The Improvements That Had to Be Stopped May Go on Again Now.

WHALEN'S OPINION PERMITS IT.

On His Advice Many of the Contracts Made by the Old City May Be Carried Out by the New.

Street Improvements That May Now Go On.

Contracts certified, let and not fulfilled \$91,700

Contracts let, but not certified \$7,500

One-third assessment levied, but no contracts let \$9,200

Assessment levied, partly paid, but no contracts let \$100,500

Total \$208,900

Comptroller Coler is following up the acts of the former administration with extraordinary vigilance. Yesterday he made public an opinion he had received from the Corporation Counsel, showing in what a muddle Comptroller Palmer and others had left the street improvements just before consolidation.

The old Common Council had rushed through improvement resolutions during the last few weeks of its existence to cost something more than \$2,250,000. But only a small part of this work got beyond the stage of "uncertified" contracts. Some of the work, however, had been given out, and assessments levied for it. Under the laws of 1888 one-third of the assessment must have been collected before a contract could be authorized, and such contract would not be valid unless the Comptroller certified that the funds required and applicable thereto.

In a few instances the Comptroller certified, but although the assessments were levied on work amounting to \$238,000, only about \$61,000 was actually begun. And even this was "hung up."

When the Corporation Counsel finds no evidence of fraud, because the assessments levied and unpaid were paid into the greater city treasury, he tells the Comptroller that after proper examination he may go ahead and certify, so that the improvements may go on. Mr. Coler approved the work yesterday.

Sixth street, from Third to Fourth, \$10,000

Avenue C, from Flatbush to Avenue D, \$10,000

Conover Island, \$10,000

Utica avenue, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets, \$10,000

Orient avenue, from Metropolitan to Olive street, \$8,000

North street, from Flatbush to Avenue D, \$4,000

Richardson street, from Flatbush to Avenue D, \$4,000

Way to Humboldt street, \$4,000

Total \$61,700

In addition to breaking the long deadlock in street improvements, the opinion of the Corporation Counsel will start in motion a vast amount of other work in addition to the \$238,000.

"I am of the opinion," he says, "that wherever the facts warrant it, you, as Comptroller, should make the said certificate, and thereupon the work involved should be pressed to completion. I do not think any action by the Municipal Assembly is necessary, and I do not think it should be proceeded under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways."

Are You Dissatisfied with your boarding house? Maybe a change will right things. Consult the select Boarders columns in the Journal's "Want" pages this morning.

Mr. P. J. Scully, City Clerk, City Hall, New York City:

Dear Sir—The copy of the resolution adopted by the Municipal Assembly of the City of New York has reached me, and I trust you will convey to the Assembly my sincere thanks for the honor they have done me. It did not seem as though I deserved any thanks from the city, for an American woman should stand ready to serve her country to the extent of her ability, but I shall always value highly this expression of appreciation and good will. Very truly, Helen Gould.

Before the President had time to order the letter from Miss Gould on file all the Councilmen clapped their hands.

"May other rich women follow her noble example!" exclaimed Mr. McGarry.

The resolution which brought forth this note was introduced in the Council by Councilman Wise on September 13 last and adopted immediately, then sent to the Board of Aldermen, who passed it. It referred at some length to the patriotism of Miss Gould in sending \$100,000 to the National Treasury at the moment when the country was taxed to meet the expenses of the war against Spain; also for the sympathetic, womanly interest she had displayed in the welfare of the sick soldiers.

## LYNDHURST. IRVINGTON-ON-HUDSON.

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## WOMEN SQUABBLE FOR HIGH OFFICE.

Sister of Marshall P. Wilder Loses a Presidency She Had.

IT IS PERHAPS NOT QUEER.

The Woman Who Succeeded Her Is Mrs. Steele, of President Street.

Will No Longer Be Able to Keep the General's Story from the Public.

Mrs. Kate Bostwick, a sister of Marshall P. Wilder, was deposed as president of the Woman's Volunteer Auxiliary Corps, in Brooklyn, yesterday. She did not surrender the chair without a wordy squabble with the new president.

Mrs. Bostwick is a very determined woman, very energetic, and has been prominent among woman's clubs in Brooklyn for some time.

The corps was an offshoot of the Woman's Republican Union League Club of Brooklyn and was organized at the outbreak of the war to help the soldiers. Mrs. Bostwick assumed the presidency and has worked hard in the interests of the organization. There was dissatisfaction with her course, however, and a meeting was called yesterday at the Twenty-third Regiment Armory to elect a new president.

Mrs. Peter B. Steele, of President street, was elected and took the chair. She had just picked up the gavel, when Mrs. Bostwick, who was late, marched into the room. She walked majestically to the platform and reached out to take the gavel.

"I'll take charge here now," she announced.

Mrs. Steele put the gavel behind her back, out of Mrs. Bostwick's reach. "No," she said, "I have just been elected president, and I will preside."

"Why, you had no right to call this meeting 'I'll take charge'!" replied the former president. "And your election is illegal. Give me that gavel!"

"I won't," replied Mrs. Steele.

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